These figures do not incontrovertibly prove that venerial diseases are on the increase in the State. They prove that a larger number of such cases is taken to hospital treatment.

(b) The matter will receive the consideration of the Government.

Typhoid and other enteric fevers.

273. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state, referring to statistics, if possible.—

(1) whether typhoid and other enteric fevers have not been on the increase, among the people of the State, during the last ten years;

(2) whether the Government proposes to take any effective measures to combat the evil?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) It is not possible to furnish the information. Statistics of the cases admitted and treated in the hospitals and dispensaries of the State during the last three years stand as follows :—

1099	..	1,323
1100	....	1,862
1101	....	1,419

These figures do not incontrovertibly prove that typhoid and other enteric fevers are on the increase in the State. They prove that a larger number of such cases is taken to the hospital for treatment.

(2) No effective measures to combat the evil are practicable under existing conditions. The Ernakulam Town possesses the best preventive measure in the provision of a protected water supply. Education of the masses in sanitary principles and special propaganda work are all that can be attempted by the Government, and they are being done, as far as possible.

The supply of Alwaye water to Mattancheri.

274. Mr. A. B. Salem.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the date on which they accepted Mr. S. S. Koder's resolution to give the town of Mattancheri a moderate supply of Alwaye water for drinking purposes;

(b) the steps taken up-to-date to supply the same;

(c) the state in which the matter stands at present;

(d) the scheme or schemes they contemplate for carrying out of the purpose of the resolution;

(e) the difficulties, if any, they have to contend in fulfilling the obligations arising to supply water by accepting the resolution;

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(f) the approximate or probable date before which they would be in a position to supply this crying need for good drinking water in Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 23rd December 1926.

(b) and (c). Designs of the pipe lines are being made, and quotations for materials are being received.

(d) The scheme would at present consist of transporting water to Mattancheri where it will be pumped up into an elevated reservoir and distributed by means of pipe lines.

(e) The question is not intelligible.

(f) By April or May 1927, subject to the condition of the pipes and machinery market.

The Leper Asylum.

275. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state .—

(a) the present condition of the Anappara Leper Asylum building and premises ;

(b) the amount of money spent in 1101 for the maintenance and upkeep of the same for the 'Sankariah Home';

(c) the total amount of money now in deposit in the National Bank of India, Ltd., on account of subscription collected for the ' Sankariah Home ';

(d) whether they have any scheme this year to build a similar 'Home' anywhere, and, if so, the amount of money budgetted for the same ;

(e) whether the Government have examined the question of the suitability of the site and the nature of the objections advanced to locate the Asylum at Anappara in the light of the answers to interpellations in this House and, if so, whether they will be pleased to place on the table the conclusion they have arrived at in the matter ;

(f) what objections they have to have the whole question of locating the Asylum at Anappara examined by any well-known expert in leprosy ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Fair.

(b) A sum of Rs. 120 was paid as pay of the watchman.

(c) Rs. 12,647—7—0.

(d) There is no scheme for building a Home this year.

(e) No. The question of locating the Asylum at Anappara has finally been abandoned.

(f) Vide answer given to question 168 (c) of the legislative session of 1101.

276. Mr. A. B. Salem.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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